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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Derrick G. Hamlin	1751	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-6 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1 and 3-6 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1 and 3-6 are currently pending.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/33407 is withdrawn in view of the applicant's declaration and arguments.

Request for Continued Examination

The request filed on 12/13/04 for a Request Continued for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/074,834 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Evaluations of level of ordinary skill in the art requires consideration of factors such as various prior art approaches employed, types of problems encountered in the art, rapidity with which innovations are made, sophistication of technology involved, educational background of those actively working in the field, commercial success, failure of others, and the inventor's educational level.

The "person having ordinary skill" in this art has the capability of understanding the scientific and engineering principles applicable to the claimed invention. The references of record in this case reasonably reflect this level of skill.

Claims 1, 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fitzpatrick et al (4,617,490).

Fitzpatrick discloses 1,3-propanediol as the solvent for the filtering solutions from the combination of water and the aliphatic alcohol, preferably from 20% to 80% of the weight of the solvent consists of the alcohol. Teaching, in that case the solution not only acts as a filtering medium but also is an excellent coolant for the tube during operation while rendering the tube resistant to freezing during storage. (col. 2, lines 29-36) The instantly claimed properties of the composition are an inherent feature as the composition is identical to the instantly claimed composition.

The reference is anticipatory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitzpatrick et al (4,617,490), as relied upon for its teaching of 1,3-propanediol from 20% to 80% of the.

The reference fails to teach that the instantly claimed ranges of 40-85 and 55-85%.

Although the reference fails to teach the instantly claimed ranges, it does teach a range that is very close and there would therefore be a reasonable expectation of success to modify the prior art to arrive at the instantly claimed invention because the prior art suggest using a very close range with substantial overlap. When claimed ranges "overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art" a *prima facia* case of obviousness exist. *In re Wertheim*, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976); *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 16 USPQ2d 1934 (Fed. Cir 1990).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to create the instantly claimed anti freeze/coolant composition as the reference teaches that using 1,3-propanediol as an effective coolant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derrick G. Hamlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1317. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays from ~8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta, can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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